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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 29, 34, 37, 39 and 40 (marked up version attached in Appendix), such that pending claims 29-40 are as follows:

1. An outboard motor support device for securing an outboard motor to a transom of a boat, the device comprising:

a tie down bracket placed between a trim adjustment rack of the motor and the transom of the boat;

a support rotatably mounted with respect to the motor such that when the motor is in an up position the support can rotate about its mounting point to contact and support the motor; and

a tie down strap which passes behind the motor and is secured to the tie down bracket.

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